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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

For this preliminary amendment, which is intended to precede the first office action, please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**Please AMEND claims 1, 9, and 17 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A point-of-sale (POS) check service system comprising:
  - device means for receiving checking account information from a paper check of a customer, and for receiving an amount concerning a sale to said customer, said checking account information and said amount being collectively transaction information, said paper check not being used as a negotiable instrument and being returned to said customer;
  - a host computer arranged to receive said transaction information from said device means and to forward it into said POS check service system;
  - a switch computer arranged to receive said transaction information from said host computer and to further route said transaction information;